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### **FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENNA DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

**Russian Federation, Singapore\*, Sri Lanka\*, Viet Nam\*: draft resolution**

#### **11/... Promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and reaffirming and emphasizing that it constitutes a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations,*

*Guided further by the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and reaffirming the solemn commitment of all States to fulfil their obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of, all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in accordance with the Charter, other instruments relating to human rights, and international law,*

*Reiterating that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the*

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\* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

same footing and with the same emphasis, and that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, all States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, have the duty to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recognizing* that all cultures and civilizations in their customs, religions and beliefs, share a common set of traditional values that belong to humankind in its entirety, and that those values have made an important contribution to the development of human rights as a concept,

*Recognizing also* that the promotion of a better understanding of the above-mentioned traditional values of humankind can contribute to the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including through human rights education and training,

*Encouraging* States and other relevant stakeholders to promote dialogue among civilizations, religions and cultures, and welcoming appropriate initiatives in this field, particularly the Alliance of Civilizations, the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation and the World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations”,

*Recalling* the panel discussion on human rights and intercultural dialogue, held during its seventh session, as well as the high-level dialogue on interreligious and intercultural dialogue and cooperation for peace held during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and the relevant thematic debate at the sixty-third session,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States of the United Nations, to seek their views and opinions on the issue of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of the traditional values of humankind, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its fourteenth session;

2. *Invites* States and other relevant stakeholders to contribute to the above-mentioned report;

3. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

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